

A WEEK'S NEWS.

Cleaned by Telegraph and Mail

CONGRESSIONAL.

The Senate met on the 24th and only transacted business by message. The Speaker of the House delivered a message from the President...

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Mr. Beckner, Chairman of the Committee on Banking and Currency, was reported to be preparing a bill to introduce when Congress reconvenes...

Mr. Blair, Chairman of the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, is said to favor revising trade dollars into standard...

Mr. Clark was hanged at Roseman, N. T., for the murder of Thomas Rogers in June last.

A fire at Saratoga, Mich., the other morning, destroyed Thomas Folk's furniture store...

John McKivney, night watchman on the boat the other night, at Mount Carmel, Ill., his wife held his head above water...

Two slaves continue to amuse themselves with the watermelon. The watermelon is a favorite food of the slaves...

Miss Hill, of Hill-Schwarz farm, recently had Frederick C. Burdick arrested at San Francisco for testifying in court that on April 18, 1861, he was engaged to be married to her.

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Ellen Bhow's furniture store, at Eau Claire, Wis., burned recently. Loss, \$5,000, insurance, \$2,500.

The bandits of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, at Abbeville, Kansas, burned on the night of the 26th, and his wife and little girl perished in the flames.

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THE WEST.

The large housing mill of George C. Tallent, at Cape Girardeau, Mo., burned recently. Loss, \$50,000, insurance, \$30,000.

A BASKET party of thirty-one persons went from Oury, Colo., to the Virginia mines to take away the victims of the mine disaster of the day before, and while ascending the bodies of two second young girls came down and the party had a miraculous escape from being overwhelmed. The sleds containing four dead bodies, however, were carried two thousand feet down the mountain side, and then buried over a precipice five hundred feet high, where they must remain until spring. The party finally reached Oury, nearly dead from exhaustion.

A new school and synagogue at Galatia, a suburb of Constantinople (Turkey), burned recently. Fifteen students perished, and the same number were missing. The directors of the school, a number of whom were killed, were arrested with fright, threw themselves from a high window, and were killed.

It is stated that France is determined to enter into negotiations for peace with China until the French occupy Bannin.

It was reported that the French Government had telegraphed to Admiral Courbet, commanding the French fleet in the Gulf of Tonkin, to return to the coast of China with the utmost promptness and energy compatible with prudence. It was expected that Admiral Courbet would make an attack upon Hong Hai before marching against Nanchang.

Four men were killed, eight reported mortally and eighteen to twenty slightly injured, at the explosion of a dynamite mine at Galatia, a suburb of Constantinople (Turkey), burned recently.

The sanitary condition of Havana (Cuba) is reported to be improving. Only ten deaths from yellow fever for the week ended December 28. The cases were scattered among the population and not confined to the military hospitals, as they usually are.

The French Government has decided to prohibit the importation of American salt until the Chambers have pronounced upon the bill which the Minister of Finance will introduce at the beginning of next session. The prohibition does not apply to the ports of Havre, Antwerp and Bordeaux, where, however, arrivals are subjected to rigid scrutiny.

The United States Congress at Toronto (Ont.) has decided that the future war fare of the working people of the Dominion required the prohibition of the importation of Chinese labor.

The business failures of the country for the week ending December 28th were 214, a large decline from the previous week.

A CANNON named Burns killed six night watchmen at the end of the track on the Mexican Central Road the other night, and was hanged to a box car by a mob.

The wheat crop in the West is reported to be a record. The harvest was 90,000,000 bushels of wheat in the preceding year, and this year it is estimated to be 100,000,000 bushels.

Floods and death followed the winter wheat crop of 1880 and 1881. The first and most serious was in the West. The wheat crop in the West is reported to be a record.

The iron manufacturers of the country generally reduced their wages of their men on January 1.

PAUL QUINCY, Mayor of New Laredo, Mexico, arrested recently on the charge of having been in the train robbery on the Mexican Central Railroad, was later sent to Monterey, in Texas, to stand trial before the Judge of the Federal Court.

JOHN J. McLENNAN, who is special, is made to threaten dire disaster to Canada, in the event of the death of Lord Dufferin, in consequence of the hanging of O'Donnell, is known at Buffalo, N. Y., as having no connection with, or to be acquainted with, the man who was killed.

THE OTHER EVENING A FIRE broke out in the first floor of the Elm Street mills, at Abbeville, Kansas, which was caused by a man who was smoking a pipe. The fire spread so fast, and the entire structure was consumed. The mill was recently enlarged to three hundred barrels daily, and rebuilt for the roller process. It was valued at \$75,000; stock on hand at \$2,500; insured for \$40,000.

It was rumored in Washington that Judge McCarty, of the United States Supreme Court, had resigned to accept the position of collector of the Atchafalaya, Topka, and Santa Fe Railroad.

HENRY HANS, a well-to-do German, of San Antonio, Tex., in a drunken killing frenzy the other night attempted to kill his wife, and after exacting a promise from her to keep the matter a secret, cut her throat.

MR. CHURCH, Cashier and Superintendent of John DeWitt & Co's soda factory, in New York, was assaulted the other day by a man who was carrying a large quantity of soda water. The man was killed, and the soda factory was damaged.

CONWAY BROWN, son of Henry W. Brown, of Worcester, Mass., and a member of the freshman class of Harvard College, killed himself the other day at the end of the term, where he was speaking the holidays.

The total bullion production of the Pacific coast for 1880, is placed at \$60,000,000. The total production of the Pacific coast for 1880, is placed at \$60,000,000.

The total receipts of internal revenue for the six months of the fiscal year ended December 31, were \$1,125,911, receipts for 1880, \$1,125,911, receipts for 1879, \$1,125,911.

A meeting of the House Committee on Military Affairs recently, General Slocum was authorized to report to the House on the subject of the proposed bill, which passed the Senate last Congress.

The business failures in the United States during 1880 numbered 2,465, against 6,731 in 1879, an increase of 2,465. The liabilities for 1880 were \$72,000,000, against \$107,000,000 for 1879. The failures of last year were greater than those of any year since 1878, when they reached to 19,173, with liabilities \$251,000,000.

A boy named Adams, eleven years old, was recently accidentally killed while passing by a factory in New York.

Home for Destitute Old Men.

RENEWTON, WY., Dec. 28. The incorporators of the Vernon W. Park Home, for destitute children and women, have organized by the election of General John G. McCulloch, President; Frederick B. Jennings, Vice-President; W. H. Warren, Secretary and Treasurer. The real estate given by Mr. Park comprises 23 acres in this village; original cost, \$2,000, an amount which has been repaid by the sale of the land. Upon the premises is a fountain which throws water to the height of 100 feet, the highest single jet fountain in existence. Mr. Park's plan for endowment will be recognized by his heirs.

Combining for Protection.

DEVER, CO., Dec. 28. A meeting of the United Rocky Mountain Stock Growers' Association was held at Poncha Springs, Colo., to-day. The association comprises some of the best cattle-growers in the West. A resolution was carried on at this meeting that it was decided at this meeting that the association employ counsel to prosecute the cattle-stealers who are committing depredations upon the stock of the members.

Identified as Counterfeiter.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Dec. 21. A member of the Vinces group of counterfeiters arrested last Friday, who gave his name as James Summers, has been recognized as James Sprague, who fled from the State in 1876 for counterfeiting. He was a desperate prisoner, and worked up a plan to escape, by shooting the officers in the courtroom during the trial. He was released last June and at once returned to his old business. Sprague, next to the McCarty, is Indiana's most prominent member of the order of counterfeiters.

Killed by a Train.

JONES, ILL., Dec. 23. Mrs. E. C. Goodrich, a prominent resident of Broadwood, was killed this morning in Gardner by the early north-bound passenger train. She was walking with her husband on one of the tracks north of the station as the train approached. She thought she was on the wrong track, and stepped over the side of one of the tracks. She was approaching the track and knocked to one side. She died almost instantly in the arms of her husband, who was the only witness. Mr. Goodrich is a prominent merchant, and the track at which his wife was killed is a common one. No blame is attached to the company.

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THE TEA'S TRADE.

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